

# **Quick Notes**

from the Idaho Office of Highway Safety

June 20, 2011

Idaho Transportation Department - PO Box 7129 – Boise, ID 83707-1129 P: (208) 334-8100 F: (208) 334-4430 - - www.itd.idaho.gov/ohs

## FATALITIES ON IDAHO ROADS IS 49

## **General Message from the Highway Safety Manager**

Hi Highway Safety Partners,

It is hard to believe that the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday is upon us. The summer (or what little we have had so far) seems to be slipping by rather quickly. Our business is built on successful partnerships and here is one I would like to mention. This comes from Officer Jermaine Galloway of the Boise Police Department and shows the collaboration that takes place.

On Saturday night 7 different agencies partnered for a graduation season underage drinking patrol. The agencies represented were:

Boise Police Department
Ada County Sheriffs Office
Bureau of Land Management
Forest Service
Idaho State Police
Ada County Juvenile Probation
Idaho National Guard Drug Demand Reduction Program

Officers checked areas where underage drinkers have been known to frequent. Although the weather did reduce the crowd size of minors, officers were still active and productive. Overall 42 criminal charges were issued. 26 of those charges were for underage drinking. Overall the following citations were issued:

- 26-Illegal consumption of alcohol
- 5-Possession of Marijuana
- 4-Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- 3-Open Container of Alcohol
- 2-Resisting & Obstructing Officer
- 1-DUI
- 1-Disorderly House/Social Hosting
- 2-Individuals arrested for their charges

The evening was very productive and the collaboration was very successful.

I cannot help believe this task would be possible without an effective partnership. The Office of Highway Safety will continue to support partnerships as we all work together "Toward Zero Deaths." Thank to all who support our highway safety programs. Have a great week.

Brent Jennings, PE Highway Safety Manager

# WESTERN IDAHO FAIR, AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup>

FHWA in partnering with ITD – OHS and ITD – DMV will have a booth in the Western Idaho Fair starting on August 19<sup>th</sup>. OHS and FHWA are looking for volunteers to help manned the Highway Safety booth portion. This year, besides the Seat Belt Demonstration (some know it as the Barbie Demo), Nampa Police and Idaho State Police will provide driving simulators, which will be a great learning experience for the young drivers and also drivers for any ages to realize the importance to be a *safe driver* no matter how old you are, in order to keep yourself, your family, and others drivers on the roadways, out of danger.

There will be more information and a sign-up sheet coming up in July; meanwhile, please contact Ping Yerby at <a href="mailto:ping.yerby@itd.idaho.gov">ping.yerby@itd.idaho.gov</a> or Lance Johnson at <a href="mailto:lance.johnson@dot.gov">lance.johnson@dot.gov</a> if you have any further questions. We are looking forward to partner with you in reaching out to the public of the importance in wearing Seat Belts and being a safe driver, to continue forth the effort in eliminating traffic deaths and serious injury in Idaho roadways.

## **Summer Aggressive Driving Campaign (July 15-26, 2011)**

The Summer Aggressive Driving campaign is scheduled to kick off in less than a month! The focus for the campaign will continue to be Speed enforcement. In the past few years, the campaign has targeted all aggressive driving behaviors. In 2009, data does show that speed was a major contributing factor in a majority of crashes.

Below is a list of agencies who have been awarded funding to participate in the July mobilization. If you do not see your agency listed below and you are interested in participating, please contact Cecilia Awusie @ 334-8112 or Cecilia.Awusie@itd.idaho.gov.

#### For this mobilization, ONLY overtime reimbursement funding is available

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6
Bonner CSO	Clearwater CSO	Ada CSO	Gooding PD	Bannock CSO	Bonneville CSO
Bonners Ferry PD	Grangeville PD	Boise PD	Hailey PD	Bear Lake CSO	Clark CSO
Coeur d'Alene PD	Idaho County Sheriff	Boise CSO	Heyburn PD	Bingham CSO	Custer CSO
ISP Region 1	ISP Region 2	Caldwell PD	ISP Region 4	Caribou CSO	Fremont CSO
Kootenai CSO	Lewiston PD	Canyon County CSO	Jerome PD	Chubbuck PD	Idaho Falls PD
Ponderay PD	Moscow PD	Emmett PD	Jerome CSO	ISP Region 5	Iona PD
Post Falls PD	Nez Perce CSO	Fruitland PD	Lincoln CSO	Montpelier PD	ISP Region 6
Priest River PD	Orofino PD	Garden City PD	Minidoka CSO	Pocatello PD	Jefferson CSO
Rathdrum PD		Homedale PD	Rupert PD	Power CSO	Lemhi CSO
Sandpoint PD		ISP Region 3	Twin Falls CSO	Shelley PD	Madison CSO
Shoshone CSO		Meridian PD	Twin Falls PD	Soda Springs PD	Rexburg PD
Spirit Lake PD		Nampa PD			Rigby PD
		Owyhee CSO	Wendell PD		Salmon PD
		Parma PD			Teton CSO
		Payette CSO			Ucon PD
		Valley CSO			
		Washington CSO			

#### **Youthful Drivers**

Summer is a time when many teenagers are relaxing from studies at school. It is also a time when many are attending driver education classes or working on supervised driving hours to fulfill their requirement to obtain a license. There are several resources available to teenagers and parents to keep them safe during the warm summer months.

The Office of Highway Safety has many resource located on the <a href="www.idahoteendriving.org">www.idahoteendriving.org</a> website. Teens, parents and law enforcement will find links to topics like finding a public driver's education program or commercial driving school, AAA's teen driving website with specific Idaho information at <a href="http://teendriving.aaa.com/ID/">http://teendriving.aaa.com/ID/</a>, raising your young adult's traffic safety awareness by enrolling in an <a href="Alive at 25">Alive at 25</a> class. Registration is online for the Alive at 25 classes. The class is free and offered throughout the state by law enforcement that has been certified to instruct classes. Below is the current schedule for classes offered:

		Remaining Seats
Date and Time	Location	Available
June 20, 4 p.m.	Boise Police Dept., Boise	8
June 23, 4 p.m	Orofino High School, Orofino	15
	Bingham County Sheriff's Office,	
July 7, 5:30 p.m.	Blackfoot	18
	Kootenai County Fire Station #2,	
July 9, 8 a.m.	Post Falls	19
July 16, 9 a.m.	Rexburg City Hall, Rexburg	17
	Kootenai County Fire Station #2,	
August 10, 8 a.m.	Post Falls	20

A new website, <a href="http://saferdrivingforteens.org/">http://saferdrivingforteens.org/</a>, provides information on teenage driving risks and gives parents assistance for young adult as safer drivers. The site was developed as part of a research study funded by the Centers for Disease Control, Michigan Department of Community Health and the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute.

#### **GDL**

July 1, the DMV will begin asking parents to submit a supervised driving log. The log will be scanned and become part of the teenager's driving record. Below is some history on Idaho's graduated driver licensing law found in Idaho Traffic Crash Reports:

The GDL law took effect January 1, 2001.

The law changed the requirements for operating a vehicle with a supervised instruction permit. These requirements must be met to obtain a class D driver's license: the permit holder may not apply for a driver's license sooner than 15 years of age and no sooner than 6 months after completing a driver's training course; during the 6 month period, the permit holder must accumulate 50 hours of supervised driving time with a licensed driver 21 years of age or older and 10 of the hours must be at night. All occupants of the vehicle must be properly restrained. If the permit holder is convicted of any traffic violation or is found in violation of any of the restrictions of the supervised instruction permit, the permit is canceled and the 6 month period starts over from the date a supervised driving permit is reissued. If the permit holder turns 17, the supervised instruction permit requirements of driving are no longer necessary. The

conditions of the supervised driving permit apply to everyone under 17 years of age that is attempting to obtain a driver's license. Once a class D license is obtained, driving is restricted to daylight hours for persons under 16 years of age. An amendment taking effect July 1, 2003, allows 15 year old drivers to drive at night, as long as another licensed driver over the age of 21 is present. Another amendment, taking effect July 1, 2007, increased the number of months for the supervised driving period to 6 months and restricted the number of passengers not related to the driver to no more than one for drivers under the age of 17.

On September 1, 1989, legislation took effect increasing the driving age from 14 to 16 years old. On September 1, 1991, legislation lowered the driving age from 16 to 15 years old.

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

If you would like to add an event to the calendar, please send an e-mail with the event details to lisa.losness@itd.idaho.gov

Ty you would like to dud an event to the edichauty please send an e-man with the event details to issuiositess@nandanoi.gov				
Date	Event Description			
June 20, 2011	Ride to Work Day www.ridetowork.org			
June 30-July 11, 2011	IMPAIRED DRIVING Traffic Enforcement Mobilization – Statewide, Contact: Kevin Bechen, OHS GCO,			
	kevin.bechen@itd.idaho.gov (208) 334-4467			
July 15-26, 2011	AGGRESSIVE DRIVING Traffic Enforcement Mobilization – Statewide, Contact: Cecilia Awusie, OHS			
	GCO, Cecilia.awusie@itd.idaho.gov (208) 334-8112			
Aug. 3, 2011	SHSP – committee chair meeting – 9:00-12:00 at ITD			
Aug. 7 – 13, 2011	National Stop on Red Week Federal Highway Administration			
	http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/redlight/outreach			
Aug. 26-Sept. 6, 2011	IMPAIRED DRIVING Traffic Enforcement Mobilization – Statewide, Contact: Kevin Bechen, OHS GCO,			
	kevin.bechen@itd.idaho.gov (208) 334-4467			